Encouraging the Farming of Medicinal Plants

2887. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing acceptance and use of ISM and Homoeopathy by the people, any concrete plan has been drawn up for large-scale production of medicinal plants used in ISM and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up special medicinal plant farms in different areas of the country;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the incentives being given proposed to be given to encourage the farming of medicinal plants/ herbs to ensure their increased systematic productton?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had organised seminars and Workshops on Medicinal Plants for creating awareness and proper action in this regard by the concerned Ministries / Departments/ organisations/State Governments/UTs Administrations.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is working on a number of plant species and improved varieties of Opium, Asgand and Isabghol have been released. Besides it, the Research Councils of Indian Systems of Medicine under this Ministry have taken up experimental cultivation of some of the Medicinal Plants in their Herbal Gardens.

(c) and (d) Many Herbal Gardens have been established in various parts of the country in different Agro-climatic conditions for preservation of natural Herbs.

(e) This Ministry is formulatin a scheme for providing incentives to various Government/semi-Govt. organisations in States/U.Ts, Autonomous bodies and Statutory organisations etc. for cultivation of specified Medicinal Plants.

Setting up of TIDAL power projects

2888. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure so far incurred on investigations/tests on Tidal Power Project in Gulf of Kutch ,

(b) the estimated cost of the Project and whether it envisages installation of 36 units of 25 MW each; and

(c) how the cost per unit would compare with that generated through other sources i.e. thermal, hydel, etc?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 4.65 crores has been incurred on investigations and studies for the proposed tidal power pro ject in the Gulf of Kachchh upto March, 1990.

(b) As per the feasibility report by the Central Electricity Authority in 1988, the project, including the transmiss'on system, is estimated to cost Rs. 1387.25 crores at the December, 1987 price level. The report envisages an installation of 36 units of 25 MW each.

(c) The cost of generation from the project works out to around 96 paise per KWh. The estimated cost of generation from conventional hydro and thermal projects recently appraised by the Central Electricity Authority is as under:

Hydro: 35 Paise to 85 Paise/Kwh

Thermal: 75 Paise to Rs. 1.25/Kwh

World Bank study of pharmaceutical Industry

2889. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank team propose to undetake an indepth study of the pharmaceutical industry in India;

(b) if so, what are the details there of;

(c) whether Government have received any communication in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) There is no such proposal with my ministry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Deteriorating conditions in G. B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi.

2890. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 26th June, 1990 captioned "Sickening" regarding misbehaviour of staff and deteriorating conditions in G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was about:

(i) Misbehaviour of staff towards a patient in Wartd No. 6 while serving food.

(ii) Cleanliness and maintenance of the ward.

(c) Immediately after the news item appeared in the paper, the matter was investigated,. As per the enquiry conducted by Head of Deptt. of Neurology and Head of Deptt. of Neuro Surgery, it could not be established that the incident reported in the Press had occurred.

As regards cleanliness, toilets, lavoratory/Urinals are regularly cleaned thrice a day with detergant using phenyl and napthalene balls.

Relaxation of Rules regarding the period of posting of CGHS staff

2891. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1286 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1990 and state:

(a) in how many cases the requirement of normal period of stay of medical and para-medical staff in a particular CGHS Dispensary/Medical Centre in Delhi/New Delhi was waived during the last three years; and

(b) what were the reasons for which the normal policy in this regard was violated?